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John Watt of Natchez to William Young of Port Gibson.

John Watt

William Young

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Confidential

March 29th March 1832.

My Dear Friend

Your letter of 16th only came to hand on the 21st. I beg to apologize for the delay in answering it - When my feelings to be respected I am confident you would at once excuse me from any want of respect or negligence.

Since I wrote you last I became engaged to Miss Ann Tracy which engagement I regret the day has been dissolved by her. At our last meeting it was mutually agreed the subject should not again be introduced. - There are two circumstances only

by which I can account for her conduct of that she was most accidentally told this moment I have no more truth than the few I now hold in my hand of her which is this. Her Father & Mother suspected the engagement before the Doctor

importance her to have it consummated for the Doctor was to leave (15th prox) in such a manner as to create in her mind some considerable alarm & it was her fixed determination not to be married before Fall - the other circumstance I believe to be this. She knew my affections and devoted to her & that I would not easily

give up the ship & at this time is only sporting with me. but of this I have some doubts. for I can scarcely think she would be guilty of wounding my feelings intentionally.

7-30-40

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Mail

John Pratt
29th March 1832

interview

Since our last interview - which was on both to her
 I am probably of the most heartrending. Either will
 ever meet with again - her father has called on me &
 introduced the subject of matrimony - He informed me
 that he was afraid some breach had transpired with
 Ann & myself - that it would be decided he had
 no doubt, that Ann had told her brother the Episcopate
 one at Rochester in a few days & he the Doctor hoped
 I would visit the family frequently - that this is
 an Protest I have not the smallest doubt & I
 have made up my mind to see her then more but I shall
 not introduce the subject until I see how matters stand
 She is to be given to me & probably will spend
 a day or two. I then shall write you the result of our
 meeting - In the mean time I wear a long & you
 and at our last interview & she keeps on of course. This
 circumstance alone is almost enough to make me believe
 my affections are returned. At our parting the poor
 girl actually shed tears as I held her hand -
 I am sorry to say to you that Mr. Smith does not
 approve of the match - He has been absent for two
 weeks but will be home to day or to morrow when
 you come to a meeting which I trust will be soon
 I will give you his views more fully

I wrote James Bate a few days ago in which I stated
 your intention to make a settlement in 4 or 6 weeks -
 Shall I get a Bill now or wait a while longer?
 I am willing to add £25. to the Bill for the use of Mr.
 James Bate & will obtain an undoubted An answer
 you desire - With affectionate remembrance to Mr. Perry
 James & all friends I remain my dear son
 Your affectionate Cousin
 H. Watt

Do you intend spending in the country the approaching
 = viz. Summer - I hope I may urge you to visit the
 North -

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 13/3
 18/3
 23/3
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